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RE: GCA - 08

Dear Mr. Haigh:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of potential support for your 2008/09 Restoration Grant for the Pine Hill Preserve Area.

Generally, BRC only supports restoration projects that are part of a holistic vision for managed OHV recreation. BRC believes that managed motorized recreation is a law enforcement tool and can be used to reduce illegal OHV use.

BRC has reviewed this grant and believes that a significant portion of the grant consists of non-OHMVR grant approved restoration activities including weed abatement, trash removal, monitoring, and nursery type projects for growing native plants.

If the Pine Hill Preserve did have, in fact, historic OHV use before its current non-motorized land classification was enacted, the area would be ripe for a restoration grant that specifically address only the soil/environmental impacts of wheeled vehicle tracks on the landscape. Those restoration activities include, but are not limited to, scarification, recontouring, installation of erosion control devices, or replacement/removal of soils directly impacted by OHV use. BRC does not believe the restoration grant tenets of SB742 would allow for approval of this grant as currently structured.

BRC would consider supporting the grant if the aforementioned concerns were addressed and the BLM had a letter(s) of support from a local OHV club(s). BRC thanks your office for allowing us to comment.

Sincerely,

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